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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:  
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: Group Art Unit 1615

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*4-11-02*For: CYTOKINE ANTAGONISTS FOR THE  
TREATMENT OF SENSORINEURAL  
HEARING LOSS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the first Office Action.

**REMARKS****General Considerations**

There is no prior art which teaches the novel aspects of this invention. This patent application is supported by the clinical experience of the inventor with a patient whom he treated. The patient experienced dramatic hearing recovery within hours of administration of a TNF antagonist. This clinical report is included in the patent application.

The present invention also includes novel routes of administration.